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Sri M. PALANIYANDI :—" காவேரியில் கொஞ்சம் தண்ணீர் அதிகமாக வந்தாலும்கூட சிந்தாமணி, பாண்டமங்கலம் போன்ற இடங்களில் தண்ணீர் எதிர்த்துக்கொண்டு பயிர்கள் நாசமடைந்துவிடுகின்றன. ஆகையால் முக்கமொம்பில் ஒரு அணை கட்டுவதற்கு இந்த அரசாங்கம் ஏதாவது திட்டம் போடுமா ? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Will the hon. Member refer that question to the Hon. Minister for Public Works? "

* 89 *Q.*—

Mr. SPEAKER :—" This question will be taken up to-morrow."

Beggar problem.

* 99 [a] *Q.*—Sri C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have statistics of the approximate number of beggars in this State; and

(*b*) whether the Government are giving financial aid to those municipalities that have initiated schemes to tackle the beggar problem?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) & (*b*) No, Sir."

Sri P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" Have not the Government provided beggar homes and employment to able-bodied beggars in the State? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" That is a bigger problem and the Government are considering that question."

Sri V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR :—" Are the Government inclined to help municipalities which undertake this kind of relief for the destitutes? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" So far we have not given any assistance. But it is true that certain municipalities are running some beggar homes."

Sri P. KUNHIRAMA KIDAV :—" Is it under the instructions of Government that beggars in towns were actually gathered and taken to distant places in police vans when the Chief Minister visited Malabar recently? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I have no information, Sir."

Sri S. DAIVASIGAMANY :—" Have the Government included in the term ' beggars ', unemployed weavers who have come down to Madras? "

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" No, I do not think they are included."

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